

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on November 9, 2016, at the Somers Museum at 6:00 p.m..

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.. Present were Don Peters, Tanya Turner, and Bob Foley. Shari Johnson, district's engineer, Ben Knotts property owner, Marc Liechti and Justin Ahmana from Apec Engineering were also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Bob moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to approve the October 12, 2016 minutes.

All Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

No public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Ben Knotts--Water Service to Burnell Avenue and School Add. Road property.** Ben attended the meeting to ask some questions of Shari and ask for the Board to consider changing a few of its rules. Ben explained to Shari that he owned 6 acres property east of School Addition Road and west the north end of Tiebucker's Subdivision. He is wanting to develop the property but needs to know what kind of capacity there is available for water in that area. Ben will e-mail Shari the map of the portion which he is talking about.

Ben also owns 32 Burnell Avenue, which he previously had requested water and sewer connections to five separate small cabins. He has been told that each individual cabin would require a separate water and sewer line with separate plant investment fees. This would cost him \$43,360 in fees. He would like the Board to consider allowing multiple units on one piece property not under one roof with one meter paid for by an organized

Ben would also like to revisit the Somers Plant Investment Fee as he feels it is too high at \$3250 and we do not have a sewer plant to maintain. Lakeside's is \$3597. Discussion was held on why the plant investment fee was set at \$3250.

Ben stated that he will be back for further meetings concerning these requests. He also stated that 32 Burnell does not have room for the 5 cabins, he is turning in an application for a house which

includes an apartment, but in the future on other land he will or does own he will want to continue to develop small cabins with an HOA.

- C. Paulin/Birk Subdivision.** Marc Liechti and Justin Ahmana were present to discuss the upfront costs associated with a proposed development of 150-170 lots. This property is west of Somers Road and east of Tiebucker's Subdivision. They feel that if they have to pay the plant investments for each lot up front the subdivision will not go forward. If we do require all fees paid up front they ask that they can buy 20 lots of plant investment fees at a time.

Shari presented a rough draft of where our water capacity stands. Right now we are considered over capacity according to DEQ calculations.

Them adding 170 houses to our current 300 equals 57% growth and we would not be able to agree to serve the subdivision without building a water tank and drilling another well. We also have to consider our fire flow in this scenario.

Justin asked Shari if we would consider a proposal on how we can get this project done along with helping Somers with the capacity issue at the same time. Shari asked that they send a proposal and we will take a look.

- A. Shari Johnson—Summit Avenue Design.** Shari presented the design of the Summit Avenue/Somers Road main replacement. The new line will go south from the post office to Battle Hollow and then down from the well, hopefully in the same trench.

Shari will be taking radar equipment to the area to see if she can better determine what type of material we will be dealing with below the surface. Shari also recommends installing 10" rather than 8" as the bigger pipe is only a few dollars per foot more expensive.

Shari is looking at a possible bid date of March 1<sup>st</sup>. She will put it in 2 phases with hope of being able to do both phases, but if needed financially, do one phase first the second later. Shari estimates the construction will take approximately 45 construction days.

Bob stated that he will go door to door to talk with customers who will be affected by this construction project.

Rita pointed out that we will need to borrow from the sewer savings for this project. Water will pay Sewer the going rate for federal/state loans, sewer will benefit from this with the interest rates as they are in savings accounts and cd's.

All Boardmembers are in favor of Shari going forward with this project and doing a quick water master plan for the new well and tank.

**SECRETARY'S/MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**A. Financial Statements.** Rita presented the financial statements for month ending October 31, 2016.

**B. Bills.** The Unpaid Bills Report was presented. The Boardmembers were not presented on the report, however, the checks were presented. Mark Manning was not present, therefore, his check was voided.

Bob moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to pay the bills as presented including the Boardmembers checks which did not appear on the Unpaid Bills Report totaling \$12,716.33.

All Aye.

**C. Correspondence.** None.

**D. Delinquents.** The Delinquent list was presented.

**E. Manager's Report---attached.** Rita presented the Manager's Report which is attached.

Being no further business.

Tanya moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m..

Minutes approved at the December 14, 2016 meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

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Secretary